## **Supplementary Information**

## Fouling-Resistant Membranes for Separation of Oil-in-Water Emulsions

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Figure S1. (a) Zeta potential distribution of SDS emulsified diesel oil-in-wateremulsion; (b) Size distribution of SDS stabilized diesel oil-in-water emulsion.



**Figure S2.** (a) Zeta potential distribution of CTAB emulsified diesel oil-in-water emulsion; (b) Size distribution of CTAB stabilized diesel oil-in-water emulsion.



**Figure S3.** Photograph of bare polycarbonate porous membrane with pore size of 200 nm.



**Figure S4.** Optical images of (a) a water droplet in air and (b) a diesel oil droplet in water, on the polycarbonate membrane surface.



**Figure S5.** Photograph of the home-made filtration device. The milky-white oil-inwater emulsion is fed to the funnel, and water permeating through the membrane is collected in the flask.



**Figure S6.** Wettability of PEM4-coated polycarbonate membrane surface: (a) water contact angle of in air, and (b) diesel oil contact angle underwater.



**Figure S7.** Different regions of XPS spectra on (PDDA/PSS)3 surfaces, the comparison of element composition on bare PEM/PC surfaces and filtered PEM/PC surfaces (filtrating dionized water 100 min). (a) C 1s, (b) O 1s, (c) N 1s; (d) S 2p.